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Other Documents

Shigley et al., Mechanical Engineering Design, Fifth Edition, 1989, McGraw-Hill, Inc., New York, pp. 58-60.

The aforementioned references are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate) and copies are enclosed herewith.

Applicants also make of record in the present application U.S. Patent Application No. 10/612,496, filed July 1, 2003. A copy of this reference is enclosed. This reference has not been listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 to

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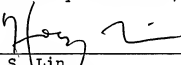
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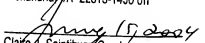
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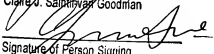


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